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REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is being submitted to confirm the discussion with the Examiner on July 2, 2008. Applicants thank Examiner Ciric for all the time and courtesies extended during that conversation. In this amendment, the revisions to the specification have been further revised.

Also submitted herewith is a replacement drawing sheet showing revised (previously new) Fig. 9, which is a cross-sectional view taken along line 9-9 of Fig. 1. Support for the revised Fig. 9 may be found throughout Applicants' specification as filed, at least at paragraphs [0041], [0042], [0043] and [0045] of Applicants' published application. Paragraphs [0041] – [0042] have also been amended to be commensurate with the revised Fig. 9. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced in light of revised Fig. 9 and the amendments to paragraphs [0041] – [0042].

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the replacement drawing sheet submitted herewith and revisions to the specification; as well as the claim amendments and remarks previously submitted.

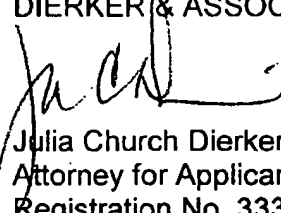
In summary, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 12-16 and 18-30 remain in the application. Claims 3, 9, 11 and 16 are canceled. It is submitted that, through this Amendment, Applicants' invention as set forth in these claims is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

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Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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